

REMARKS

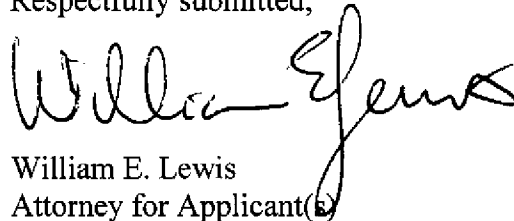
The present application was filed on September 13, 2001 with claims 1-15. Claims 1 and 13-15 are the independent claims.

In the final Office Action dated August 9, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,173,395 to Wisor et al. (hereinafter "Wisor"); claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wisor; and claims 4-12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wisor in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,924 to Ayers et al (hereinafter "Ayers").

In this response under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant files a Request for Continued Examination along with the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) and the present Amendment. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that prosecution be reopened and that the present Amendment be entered. The present Amendments to independent claims 1 and 13-15 are similar to those suggested by the Examiner on page 9 of the final Office Action in order to overcome Wisor.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-15 are believed to be patentably distinguishable over Wisor and therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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